

W. CLELLAN HAS FINISHED SLATE

Mayor-Elect Decided Upon the Remaining Members of His Cabinet To-Day and List Will Be Given Out To-Night.

In response to telegrams many Tammany leaders called at the residence of Mayor-elect McClellan to-day and the slate was practically completed. A full list of those to hold office under the administration will be given out this evening.

The only appointment known of is that of John J. Brady, of the Bronx, as a Tax Commissioner. Samuel Strauch, a Republican leader of the Thirty-first Assembly District and at present a Tax Commissioner, will be allowed to hold over by agreement between Tammany Hall and the Republican machine. John H. McCooey, Secretary of the Civil Service Commission, will probably be appointed President of the Commission, and James B. Bouck, of Brooklyn, is slated to be Deputy Commissioner of Charities under Mr. Tully.

Some of the aspirants for office called upon Mr. McClellan at his home. One of them encountered the Mayor-elect in the hall.

"Are you the Mayor's secretary?" inquired the visitor, who was quite an important personage in manner.

"No, sir," responded Mr. McClellan. "Well," said the busy man, "whoever you are I wish you would fix it so I can see him."

Mr. McClellan said he would fix it. When the busy person learned the identity of the man to whom he had been talking he went away unobtrusively.

Sheriff-elect Branger announced the appointment of his subordinates to-day. Some of Sheriff O'Brien's deputies have been re-appointed and Thomas Sullivan has been re-appointed Warden of Ludlow street jail. The following deputy sheriffs were named by Mr. Branger:

Lewis Leavitt, First Deputy; John T. Murray, Thomas Plunkitt, a Republican; George Menden, a Republican; Thomas O'Rourke, J. Myer Burns, Max Purges, formerly an Alderman; Frank Walgreen, P. G. Hinn and L. McCourt.

John T. Day will act as Sheriff's Auctioneer.

It is said that ex-Alderman Robert Muh is a dark horse for one of the offices to be filled by Mayor-elect McClellan. It would not surprise Tammany men to see him appointed Commissioner of Parks.

JACK THE RIPPER VERDICT.

Coroner's Jury Does Not Accuse Totteman, Prisoner Under Arrest.

Coroner Jackson's jury, inquiring into the death of Sarah Martin, the Jack the Ripper victim, took only ten minutes this afternoon to decide that she came to her death "at the hands of parties unknown."

Emil Totteman, the big sailor accused of the crime, was remanded to the Tombs in \$10,000 bail so as to give the District Attorney an opportunity to take the case before the Grand Jury. This will be done next week.

All the evidence in the possession of the police was presented to the Coroner's jury, but there was no direct evidence that Totteman was guilty. The circumstantial evidence was of such a nature that surprise was expressed in the Coroner's court-room concerning the verdict.

SAVING CLAUSE FOR STUDENT

Sentenced to Twenty-eight Years, but Will Only Serve One.

(Special to The Evening World.) PATTERSON, N. J., Dec. 31.—Frank White, medical student, and a son of rich parents, was to-day sentenced to the New Jersey Reformatory on four charges of forgery. He was sentenced to seven years on each charge, making twenty-eight years altogether. Having been sent to the reformatory, however, he can be released on good conduct after serving one year. Should he get into trouble again, though, he will have to serve the full term.

White, who is twenty-five years old, was accused of forging his father's name as well as committing other forgeries in various parts of the country. He is the son of Leonard H. White, of the Riverside Lumber Company. In court to-day the prisoner pleaded for clemency, but Judge Scott said his patience was exhausted. That he had failed to take advantage of opportunities afforded him in the past to reform and must now face the penalty for his crimes.

CANTOR GIVES BLAKE GEMS.

Borough President Remembers His Secretary.

Borough President Jacob A. Cantor to-day presented a handsome pair of diamond cuff buttons to George W. Blake, secretary of the borough. He said it was only a little thing and was but a small return for the many services rendered by Mr. Blake to his administration.

"Blake has been one of the very best men in this administration," said Mr. Cantor. "He would make a mighty good hold-over."

Mr. Blake will give all his time after to-morrow to his paper "Democracy."

MAYOR FAGAN HAS HIS WAY.

Names an Independent Democrat Against Republican Opposition.

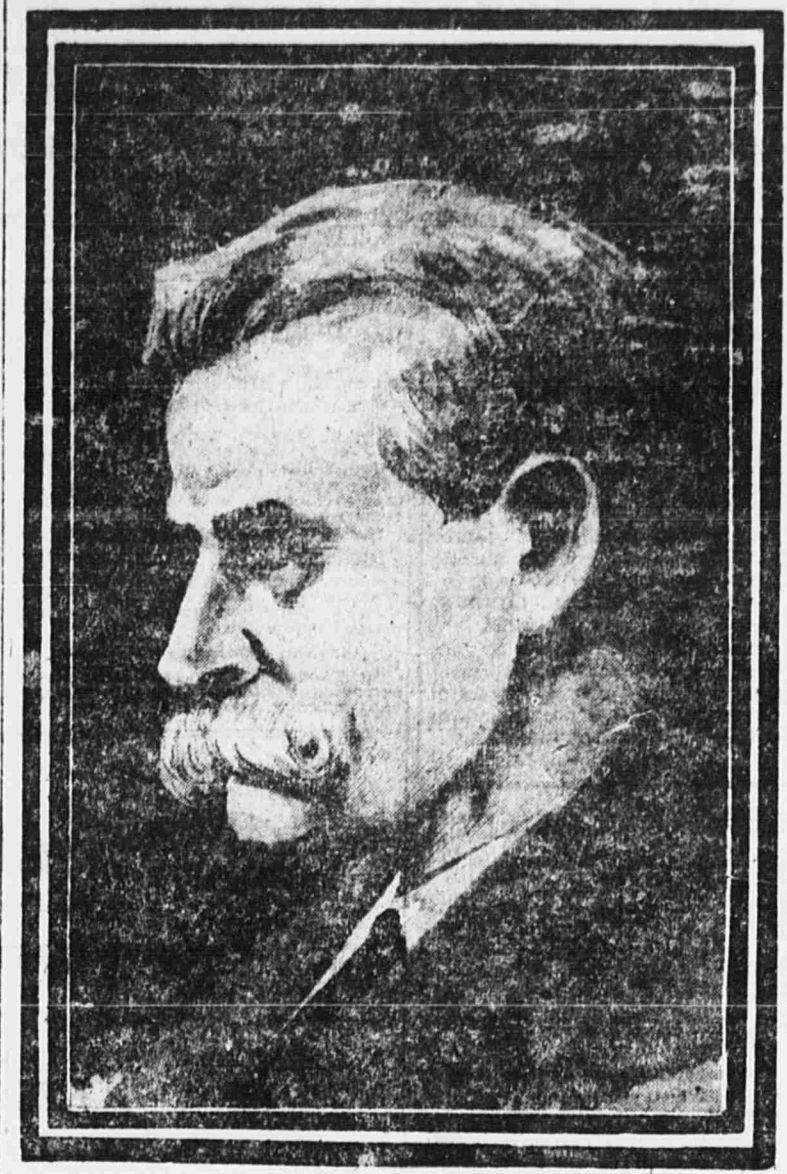
In spite of the strong opposition on the part of Col. Dickinson, leader of the Republican party in Jersey City, Mayor Fagan today named an Independent Democrat, Judge James J. Murphy, to succeed Judge James J. Murphy. His salary will be \$2,000 a year and the term three years. The Republican was also appointed a police judge. He succeeded Judge Ross. The salary and term of office were made by the Mayor.

TERROR HELD HIM ON TRACK.

Man Unable to Move Was Struck and Killed by Train.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 31.—A man was struck and killed by a train on the track and was nipped by the train. The man had been on the track when he was struck by the train. He was not identified.

OTTO AHLMANN, WHO KILLED HIMSELF AFTER LOOTING BANK.



BANKER ENDS LIFE; \$250,000 MISSING

(Continued from First Page.)

society men in the borough, had committed suicide at the fashionable Albemarle Hotel, at Broadway and Twenty-fourth street, Manhattan.

The news brought all business in the bank to a complete standstill. The Bank Examiner in charge, A. C. Judson, had been for over an hour telephoning to Mr. Ahlmann's clubs and other offices in Richmond and Manhattan to get some explanation of the missing bonds and money.

OFFICERS HAD NO SUSPICION.

There was not the slightest suspicion of anything wrong, despite the tangled condition of the accounts, and President Augustus Prentice thought so little of it that he started over to his law office at No. 135 Broadway, this borough, and forgot all about the incident of the missing bonds. He had hardly left the bank when the news of Mr. Ahlmann's suicide reached there. Examiner Judson closed the door at once, in spite of the fact that hundreds of city employees were standing at the windows waiting for their pay, the bank being a city depository.

Mr. Ahlmann's suicide and the news of his defection will be a great shock to his friends. He was interested financially in almost every enterprise on Staten Island, was a trustee of the Richmond County Savings Bank, Treasurer of the Manor Park Land Company, and was an officer or director in a dozen other corporations. He was commonly reputed a millionaire and made his home at the fashionable Richmond County Country Club at Dongin Hill.

WORKED ALL YESTERDAY ON BOOKS.

The examination of the bank was the regular one, and began yesterday morning. Mr. Judson and Mr. Ahlmann worked all day on the books, and everything appeared to be all right. After the day's work they left the bank together and came over to Manhattan on the same boat. Mr. Ahlmann was in excellent spirits, and told Mr. Judson that he was going to spend the night in town. Mr. Judson went to his home. Mr. Ahlmann went out to dinner, and at 9 o'clock appeared at the Albemarle Hotel. There he registered as O. Ahlbeist, of Albany. He had no luggage but a grip. He asked for a room with a bath, and was assigned to room No. 72, on the third floor. Before going upstairs he left orders with the clerk to be sure and have him called at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

No pistol shot was heard during the night or this morning, but when a hallboy knocked at the door and got no response he reported it to the office and a porter was sent up with a passkey to get into the room.

FOUND DEAD IN BATHROOM.

The porter found that the bed had been occupied, but Mr. Ahlmann was not in it. A search revealed the fact that he was dead on the bathroom floor, with a bullet hole in his right temple and a 38-calibre revolver lying on the floor beside him. He was only partially clothed.

Dr. Finch, the house physician, was summoned at once and made an examination of the body. He said that Mr. Ahlmann had been dead several hours and that he had probably fired the fatal shot some time after midnight. What Mr. Ahlmann did after he went to the room and before he shot himself is not known yet.

Cards with Mr. Ahlmann's name and business address were found in his grip and on a table was a brief note asking the hotel people to please notify the officials of the Bank of Staten Island of his death as soon as his body was found. Outside of several private papers, which threw no light on the reason for the suicide, the only other thing found was a poem, clipped from a newspaper and describing in rather harrowing fashion the troubles of this life and the futility of trying to make it happy for one's self.

BODY IDENTIFIED BY MR. BOYLE.

Although the identity of Mr. Ahlmann was established at once, the hotel people were not positive of it until Secretary Edward P. Boyle, of the Manor Park Land Company, called at the hotel. Mr. Boyle identified the body at once and gave orders that it be removed to the Stephen Merritt Undertaking establishment on Eighth avenue. Mr. Boyle was greatly shocked by the tragedy, but could throw no light on it.

"He was treasurer of the Manor Park Land Company and also of the Aquahonga Land Company, of Staten Island," said Mr. Boyle. "He owned 90 per cent. of the stock of the bank at Stapleton, which has a surplus of \$80,000. His father was a wealthy banker in Germany and owner of the North German Gazette at Kiel. Mr. Ahlmann was prominently identified with business affairs on Staten Island for more than twenty years."

Meanwhile the absence of Mr. Ahlmann from his desk at the bank was being commented on. Mr. Judson had resumed his labors at an early hour and had discovered that not only were the books of Mr. Ahlmann badly tangled up, but that \$250,000 in bonds and cash that should have been in the vaults was not there at all. He was still telephoning around for Mr. Ahlmann when the news of his suicide reached the bank. It was telephoned there by The Evening World.

BANK GREATLY SURPRISED.

The bank officials after they recovered themselves, declined to make any statement, but looked very gloomy over the situation. No one could understand how Mr. Ahlmann could have become so heavily involved. He was looked upon as a conservative investor, and never had a reputation as a plunger. He was known to be interested in steel and a rumor was cir-

WASHINGTON SETS WATCH ON GERMANY

Kaiser Reported Making Efforts to Secure Coaling Station at St. Thomas, Which Will Not Be Permitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Information has reached Washington to the effect that Germany is making a quiet but determined effort to secure possession of a coaling station at St. Thomas, one of the Danish West Indian Islands.

The news comes in a manner that requires further confirmation before official notice can be taken of it, and as such rumors have not been infrequent in recent years, and generally proven to be groundless, the State Department is disposed to move with the greatest circumspection in the matter.

As the United States Government has offered a fair price for the Danish West Indies, a price which the executive branch of the Danish Government consented to accept by the signature of a treaty, even though the latter was rejected by the Danish Riksdag, it is the feeling here that the matter has progressed too far to allow any third party to come between the United States and Denmark in this transaction. Denmark is expected to sell the islands to the United States or to retain them.

rent among his friends to-day that he was heavily involved in that stock and had sunk the greater part of his fortune in protecting himself during the recent decline.

Bank Examiner Judson said to an Evening World reporter to-day:

"I was never so surprised at anything in my life. This man was an old friend of mine, and we worked together all day yesterday. Everything appeared to be all right, and when we went to the city together last night he was in the best of humor. I have no comment to make on the condition of the bank."

LATEST STATEMENT OF THE BANK.

The latest statement of the bank, issued on Dec. 8, gave the capital as \$25,000, the surplus as \$50,000, the undivided profits as \$27,322.35 and the amount due depositors as \$45,623.71. How seriously impaired the bank is cannot be told, but means were taken to check any demonstration that may be made by the hundreds of depositors when they hear the news.

Mr. Ahlmann was very well known among financiers in this city. The correspondents of his bank here are the National Bank of Commerce and the Union Trust Company.

PRAISED BY A BANKER.

President Snyder, of the Bank of Commerce, said to-day:

"I knew Mr. Ahlmann and he always impressed me as being a plain, honest sort of a fellow. His bank's account with us is all right and has never been anything else. I am very sorry to hear of his sad end, and I cannot understand it."

Mr. Ahlmann was single and fifty-five years old. He was an enthusiastic sportsman and belonged to the Richmond County Country Club, the Staten Island Yacht Club, the Richmond County Hunt Club, the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club and the Reform Club, in this borough.

POEM LEFT BY THE BANKER.

There are six verses to the poem found in the room where Ahlmann killed himself. Evidently he had read and reread the poem a number of times, for it was well thumbed. Three of the verses are as follows:

Wary of living, so weary,
Tired of the failures and sin,
Tired of a life so dreary,
Where sorrow and I are akin.

Why should we wait for the morrow,
Where every breath is a pain,
Every heart throbs a sorrow
And only regret in vain.

I am tired of it all and weary,
So here let the last chapter end,
Tired of a life so dreary
Where sadness and sorrow blend.

The effects of Mr. Ahlmann, taken to the Coroner's office this afternoon, consisted of a check for \$4,947, a pocketbook containing \$26.50, a gold watch, chain and charm, a gold ring, a bunch of keys, a gold penholder, a silver pencil, two revolvers, both loaded, and a box of cartridges.

Ahlmann was very much in love with a Miss Helen Nielson, of Richmond Terrace, New Brighton, L. I. He wanted to marry her, but the girl would not consent. She is only twenty-six years old, while Mr. Ahlmann was fifty-five. Her objection to the marriage was because of the difference in their ages. Despite the fact that no engagement existed between the couple they were much together.

STOPPED PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS.

When word was received at the City Chamberlain's office in the City Hall of the suicide, Deputy City Chamberlain J. H. Campbell at once took steps to stop the payment of about \$26,000 worth of paymaster's warrants deposited in the Bank of Staten Island.

The result of the stopping of payment on the warrants deposited with the Bank of Staten Island to-day had the effect of bringing city employees in droves to the office of the City Chamberlain, in Manhattan. Most of them were in great fear that they would not be paid, and some loudly demanded that they be given their wages. All who presented checks signed by the city paymaster obtained other checks on the First National Bank of St. George, S. I.

DEPOSITORS ARE ANXIOUS.

Two more bank examiners went to work this afternoon to assist Mr. Judson, and the depositors are anxiously awaiting their report. Among the depositors are the Staten Island Building and Loan Association, which has an account of \$10,000; the Edgewater Building and Loan Association, whose account is \$22,000; the Westerleigh Building and Loan Association, the Rubsam & Hornmann Brewing Company and the Bechtel Brewing Company.

It has been learned that Mr. Ahlmann sold his horses and a number of carriages in the early part of the week.

WILL WELCOME NEW YEAR.

Merry Times Promised at the Hungarian Poshant Ball.

The new year will be ushered in tonight at the Hungarian Poshant Ball in Sulzer's Harlem River Park. From its proceeds the Hungarian Literary Society clothes hundreds of east side children.

There will be the customary mock marriages at 10 cents each and divorces for a similar fee. A feature will be a new Maywar historical dance in which scores of pretty girls appropriately costumed will take part.

EARTHQUAKE IN ILLINOIS.

PENFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.—Three distinct earthquake shocks were experienced through this vicinity early to-day, all in rapid succession. The shocks were shaken and occupants aroused from sleep ran from their homes in alarm. No damage of consequence has been reported.

PARIS, Ill., Dec. 31.—Paris was shaken to-day by a historical dance in which scores of pretty girls appropriately costumed will take part.

GUNBOAT QUIRAS STRIKES ON A REEF

One of the United States Fleet Runs Fast Aground Off the Coast of Borneo While on Cruise.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—The United States gunboat Quiras is reported aground on a reef off the coast of Borneo. The Quiras is a single screw steamer of 400 tons and is commanded by Lieut. Francis Boulter.

GUNBOAT VICKSBURG A RIVES AT COREA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A cable message to the Navy Department to-day announces the arrival of the gunboat Vicksburg at Chemulpo, Corea, where she is expected to remain for some time for the protection of American interests.

BIG JUMP IN CORN.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—During the closing hour on 'Change to-day December corn advanced 14 cents over yesterday's close. The frantic efforts of shorts to cover caused the option to advance to 40 cents at the close and that was made the settling price. The short interest was estimated at from 50,000 to 200,000.

DEATH MAY STOP THE LAMAR TRIAL

Stenographer Who Has Just Died Had Not Transcribed Notes of Testimony Needed as Evidence.

FREEDHOLD, N. J., Dec. 31.—The death on Monday of S. B. Hinsdale, of Woodbridge, the stenographer of the Modmouth County Court is another setback to the prosecution in the Lamar case, and it is thought may stop further proceedings entirely.

A trial by jury having been called to decide a constitutional question whether the trial of the first indictment against Lamar, Smith, Eastman and Brown for conspiracy to assault did not include within it the indictment for assault also. It will be necessary to read the shorthand notes, taken by Mr. Hinsdale, so that the jury can have the facts. The testimony has not been transcribed, it having been agreed that Mr. Hinsdale should read the testimony on his notes at the trial, which would take place in January or as soon as he recovered.

Two shorthand writers seldom write alike, each man having some word or phrase signs peculiarly his own. Many stenographers can read the notes of other stenographers ordinarily, sufficient for business purposes, but in a case of this importance the counsel would insist upon a strict condition, and it is doubtful whether any stenographer is competent to do this.

Thus further controversy will arise with other complications, leads to the belief that the case is ended.

BENSON ARRESTED FOR LAND FRAUDS

Taken into Custody at the Waldorf-Astoria by Central Office Detective at Request of the Secret-Service Bureau.

John H. Benson, fifty-seven years old, of San Francisco, was arrested at the Waldorf-Astoria this afternoon by Detective-Sergeant Edward Hughes upon the request of the Secret-Service Bureau of Washington.

Benson is under indictment in Washington in connection with gigantic land frauds in California. Yesterday there was a hearing in his case. He was present. The proceedings were adjourned until Jan. 6.

Last night Mr. Benson came to New York and went to the Waldorf. Secret Service men followed him and to-day Secret-Service Agent Wheeler, of Washington, requested Inspector McCluskey to arrest him as he feared he might sail for Europe.

He was later arraigned in the United States Court and requisition made for his return to Washington.

A REMEDY SUGGESTED.

(From the Chicago Record Herald.) "It seems to me," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that the proletariat is becoming more and more difficult to manage."

"Yes," replied her hostess. "I don't think so, too, but his idea is that if people wouldn't eat hearty food before going to bed very few of them would ever have it."

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FIRE ROUTS OUT EIGHT FAMILIES

Fire in the five-story apartment-house known as the Rosemore, at One Hundred and Eleventh street and Seventh avenue, early to-day caused the eight families residing there to rush into the street.

The blaze occurred on the fourth floor in the apartment of Sigfried Schlesinger. A servant in the house was making a bed and in shaking a sheet brought it in contact with a lighted gas jet. The sheet set fire to the bed

and at the girl's cries of fire the tenants made a rush to the street.

When the department arrived the fire was confined to the Schlesinger apartment. After it had been extinguished the families returned to their apartments.

UNCONSCIOUS IN AREAWAY.

Brooklyn Man Found Suffering from Concussion of Brain.

John Laber, forty-two years old, of No. 38 Park avenue, Brooklyn, was found unconscious last evening at the foot of a flight of stone steps leading into the basement of No. 202 East Seventy-fourth street.

He was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from concussion of the brain. It is thought he slipped and fell into the areaway.

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